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Dear Ms. Halvey Gibson:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has announced that it will supply Potassium Iodide (KI) to support preparedness for radiological emergencies. Already, several counties within New York State have expressed their desire to make KI available to their residents. I am requesting adequate supplies of KI to augment radiological emergency preparedness in New York State.

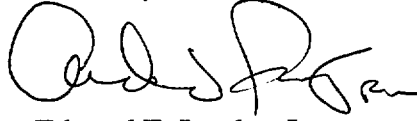
New York State has assessed its KI needs based on the recently-released Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance. I have learned that the NRC has announced that it will make KI available to states on a "first-come, first-served basis" and has allocated \$800,000 to support this program. New York State will need supplies of KI for the population within the three current emergency planning zones. The NRC should commit the funds required to make adequate supplies available to support all of New York State's KI needs.

New York State has more than 370,000 individuals residing within the 10-mile planning zones in the seven counties that plan for nuclear power plant emergencies. There are also thousands of workers and visitors who also populate these areas. I expect that the State will need approximately 1.2 million tablets of KI to provide two doses per individual to accommodate all contingencies, such as providing KI in educational and healthcare facilities. Consistent with the FDA guidance, I am also requesting that the NRC make these tablets available in 65mg. doses so that it may be provided as efficiently as possible during an emergency. The counties, the State Emergency Management Office, State Department of Health and other agencies are examining the many issues related to providing KI. These include the needs for public and professional education, logistics, liability, and worker safety.

The person authorized to receive KI is Andrew Feeney, Deputy Director of State Emergency Management. The shipping address for KI delivery is New York State Emergency Management Office 1220 Washington Ave. Bldg. 22, suite 101, Albany, N.Y 12226.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward F. Jacoby, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Edward F. Jacoby, Jr.
Director